## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

MICHAEL A. EPSTEIN ET AL

US020438

Serial No.

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: CREATING EXPIRING COPIES IN A CHECK-OUT/CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: